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Dear Mr Jones,

Request for Information:

Thank you for your enquiry dated 8 November 2012. This has been passed to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) and has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You asked for the whereabouts of small arms ranges, specifically in Essex, Kent or the South East area, that over time have been closed or abandoned, such as ranges used for the training of the National Guard during the two great wars.

I regret that after a search of records held across the department, including those historic records held the Prince Consort's Library in Aldershot, I have been unable to locate recorded information within the scope of your enquiry. However, I am advised that details of all such ranges might be available from the National Archives or the Imperial War Museum, as I understand they hold numerous Old War Office files and other historical records.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

DIO Secretariat